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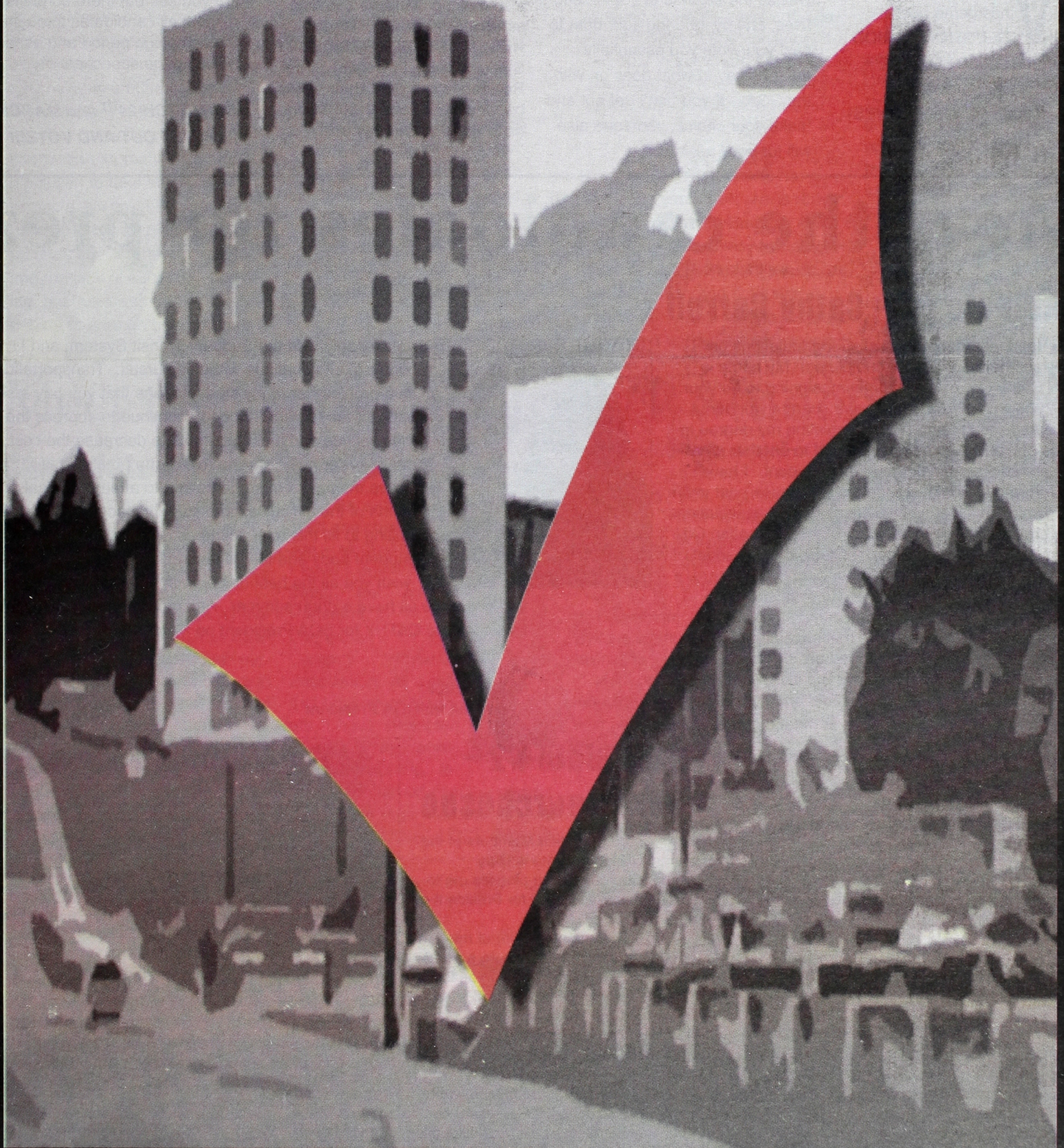
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SGA ELECTIONS



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"Out with the old, and in with the new"

By Erika Mieto
SGA/AGE President



Well, that time of year has come again – **ELECTION PERIOD** for our 2004/2005 SGA/AGE Executive and Student Representatives. On **WEDNESDAY MARCH 24th** and on

THURSDAY MARCH 25th it is your opportunity and responsibility to get out to one of our eight polling stations and **MAKE YOUR VOTE COUNT**, by selecting representatives that best serve your needs, issues, and concerns as a student here at Laurentian University.

Voting is not only a right but a privilege that all members should take advantage of. Remember it is your student fees that help to support the daily operation of the SGA/AGE Office as well as the salaries of your executives, and by ignoring your right to cast your vote you essentially have no say in what goes on with the SGA. If you don't get out and make your choice, someone else will for you.

Included in this special election issue are the candidates' profiles. These profiles give you the opportunity to learn a little bit more about those running. Although this is a good start, it is important to get out to Election Speeches and ask questions about what you think is important and what the SGA can do to better serve you. There will be two sets of Election Speeches – **Thursday March 18th from 11:30AM to 1PM in the SCIENCE 2 Cafeteria** and on **Monday March 22nd from 11:30AM to 1PM in the GREAT HALL Cafeteria**.

This year the SGA/AGE is also making available a polling station for students living in **REGENT STREET RESIDENCE**. Students living in Regent Street Residence can **cast their votes between 2PM and 7:30PM on both the Wednesday and**

Thursday (March 24th and 25th).

Polling Stations will be open on both Wednesday and Thursday from 9AM to 7:30PM. Remember to have your **UPDATED STUDENT CARD** on hand when going out to cast your vote. To find out more information about **POLLING STATIONS** please visit our website: www.sga.laurentian.ca or drop by our office.

I would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate all candidates that have chosen to run in this year's **SGA ELECTION**. Remember it takes a lot of guts to put yourself out there so please respect all candidates throughout the campaign period and especially during the speeches.

ON MARCH 24th and MARCH 25th GET OUT AND VOTE!!!

Meet the candidates for prez

Candidate #1 - Cathy Carroll

Greetings Friendly Folks! Congratulations on another year almost completed! My name is Cathy Carroll and I am campaigning to be your 2004-2005 SGA President. I have spent a wonderful four years here at Laurentian completing my degree in Kinesiology and I am looking forward to another great year here serving as your student president. I have been fortunate to gain experience over these past years by becoming involved in multiple clubs and associations. I am currently the Vice-President of the Laurentian Off-Campus Students Association (LOCS), the President of the Kinesiology Society, a member of the SGA board, a member of the School of Human Kinetics council, and the Co-Chair of the Kinesiology Games Organizing Committee. The organizational and situational experience gained through my involvement in these clubs has developed my skills as a speaker, organizer and as a troubleshooter. I believe the skills learned through these experiences are an asset that I would bring to the position if elected. The current SGA board made several great strides in improving their



relationship with the Sudbury Transit System, and I would like to continue with this pursuit. Transportation is a problem for many students, one that you pay a significant fee for, and I hope to continue to improve the bus service and make attempts to decrease the cost of the service. I believe the role of the president is to serve the needs of students and to attempt to deal with some of the difficulties that students face. I am very willing to fill this role, acting as a liaison between the student body and the governing body of the school. I wish you all the best of luck with your upcoming exams

and hope you all have a great summer. And most important. . . Don't forget to vote CATHY for SGA President on March 24th and 25th!

Cheers,
Cathy Carroll
Candidate for SGA President

Candidate #2 - Gary Courchesne

Dear Laurentian Members of the SGA, my name is Gary Courchesne. It pleases me to have been nominated for President of the SGA/AGE.

There is no picture of me (I'm not photogenic), but I'm sure a great many of the student body on all four campuses recognize by sight: short, grey hair and beard who walks with a crooked cane and wears a shirt and tie, and a fourth year student who has lived both on and off campus.

If elected, I promise to work for the student body. Represent our university professionally and diligently in all areas. However, I cannot promise to change the world. But with your support on petitions and in person, in a group, changes can be made in our little community. Thank you.

The Voting Process

1. Learn more about the candidates (ie: read their profiles, ask questions during their speeches on March 18 & 22).
2. Make sure you have your updated student card.
3. Find out which polling station you should go to and chose the candidates that have made a good impression for you.
4. Check the progress of the election results in the Pub, the SGA office, or the SGA website: www.sga.laurentian.ca

Polling Stations

Locations:	Times:	Days	
		Wed	Thurs
Great Hall Foyer	9 am - 7:30 pm	X	X
Science II Cafeteria	9 am - 2:00 pm	X	X
Phys Ed Foyer	9 am - 2:00 pm	X	X
Student Street	9 am - 7:30 pm	X	X
Huntington Residence	9 am - 7:30 pm	X	X
Thorneloe Residence	9 am - 7:30 pm	X	
(vote at Huntington on Thursday)			
University of Sudbury Residence	9 am - 7:30 pm	X	X
Regent Street Residence	2 pm - 7:30 pm	X	X

SGA / AGE 2004 Elections

You must have your updated student card to vote.

No if's, and's or but's!

ELECT HIM

Laurentian University / Université Laurentienne

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Meet the candidates for VP of Student Issues

Candidate #1 - Nathan Allard

My name is Nathan Allard and I'm campaigning for Vice President of Student Issues. This is my final academic year at Laurentian, I will graduate with a B.A. in Philosophy/Political Science in June.

I'm not a big fan of campaign promises. If I'm elected I think that my actions should revolve around the interests of the students. Your problems are my problems and you can be assured that I will fight as hard as I can to resolve them for you.

Moreover, I would like to create awareness about campus, community, national and international issues around Laurentian. It is important to foster an environment where students can get information so that we can be in a position to take action. For example, it's great that some students and faculty planned protests against the war in Iraq and the lack of affordable housing, but there was no public debate to arrange how it should

be done or even why. It seems to me that activist leaders on this campus simply expect everyone to already know what is going on around them in such detail that only a fool would not contribute to their causes.

In contrast, I feel that a more educational approach should be taken. I would like to bring in guest speakers, have meetings and really work to come to a consensus between students before we take action, so that we can all find a common ground and make a difference. We should create a dialogue and work out a way that we can all contribute to change. We all have common concerns and by working together and teaching each other we can accomplish much more than we can alone.

Sincerely,
Nathan Allard
Candidate, VP Student Issues

Candidate #2 - Shailagh Keaney



Shailagh Keaney is a uniquely inspired and dedicated student, tirelessly working to create a just and egalitarian society. She considers it her duty to act where it is most pertinent, and leaves her noticeably impressive mark wherever she roams.

Needless to say, Shailagh's valiant efforts have not gone unnoticed; she is a rising star within the Sudbury community. She is ideally suited for the role of V.P. Student issues, as her aspiration and drive will undoubtedly help lead the SGA through a successful and eventful

year.

Shailagh has an extensive background in activism and cultural enhancement, including her involvement in such groups as Food not Bombs, Anti-Racist Action and the Sudbury Coalition Against Poverty. As a cultural animator, she has taken an intrinsic part of three consciousness-raising murals that have served to beautify Sudbury's downtown. And one must not forget the various groups and events for which Shailagh has volunteered her skills as a visual performance artist.

On campus, Shailagh organized V-Day Laurentian University 2004, produced "The Vagina Monologues", and has taken on a large role in the running of the LU Women's Centre. In addition to this, she keeps herself updated on CFS (Canadian Federation of Students) campaigns and actions. Her plans as V.P. Student Issues would involve a distinct shift in the way student issues are currently conceived and represented.

Meet the candidates for VP Student Services

Candidate #1 - Jessica Burnie

Hello Laurentian students. My name is Jessica Burnie and I am a candidate to be your next year's SGA/AGE Vice President of Services.

As a fourth year psychology student at Laurentian, I've maximized my experience through participation in many activities and events. Now in my final years, I would like to give all students the opportunity to have as much fun as I've had by being able to organize and deliver all the services offered by the SGA/AGE.

Holding a position like VP

Services requires a lot of energy, spirit and communication - all qualities that I have presented by being the current President of Laurentian Off-Campus Students Association. As a club that I helped to re-create, I have attempted to offer a residence-like atmosphere for the Laurentian off-campus population. I have organized events such as the infamous LOCS Hockey



Tourney, Frosh Week events for non-rez students, formals, fundraisers, pub nights, socials and other sporting activities. These ideas stemmed from interaction with the residences and realizing the importance of student life.

I believe that the university experience is like no other. That's why it's important to me to offer the opportunity for students to be involved, socialize and receive the best services available; from Frosh

Week, to Charity Ball to the grocery bus. I am prepared to make student interaction and communication a reality!

Voting for me would offer some new and exciting events for L.U. I would like to see a 3-on-3 hockey tournament, a "Welcome Back" week for returning students, more interesting uses for the big screen T.V. in the Pub Downunder, and more communication between all the great clubs we have on campus.

Vote Jessica Burnie for VP Services on March 24 and 25 - and get ready to "FEEL THE BURNIE"!!!

Candidate #2 - Raye Lemke

Greetings and Salutations! Thank you for taking the time to read my profile.

My name is Raye Lemke and I am currently the Vice-President Services of the SGA/AGE. I am seeking re-election to the position for another year.

This year I worked to provide students with a diverse mix of activities that were fun and accessible to both on-campus and off-campus groups. I provided our student clubs with additional fundraising opportunities and support.

I tried some new things (curling, movie nights, pizza after the pub); I built upon some old ideas (Charity Ball, flag sale, frosh kits); and I have an entire list of things yet to try (pool tourney, music events, clubs workshops, special trips). I believe that I have excelled at this position. I have a proven track record of upholding my mandated duties as well as bringing new



ideas, and contributions to the SGA. For these reasons I feel that I am the best qualified candidate for the VP Services position.

But there is another reason why you should re-elect me. For the first time in ages, you have the opportunity to return an Executive member to office. You have the chance to take advantage of the knowledge of a student that has "already been there"! This

consistency will lead to remarkable results in 2004-2005. My year's planning will directly reflect feedback from this year and will not be disrupted by a new recruit - a bonus in campus programming.

It was always my goal to work with the SGA for two years and I have put the connections and the plans in place to guarantee the best return for your student fees in the year ahead. I am asking for you to give me the chance to serve you again. When you make your decision on March 24 & 25, Re-elect Raye!

Lennard acclaimed to Francophone Affairs Commissioner

My name is John Lennard, and I am a first-year Commerce Student here at Laurentian. Since November, I've been serving as the SGA's Francophone Affairs Commissioner, and I'm proud to have been acclaimed to the position for the upcoming year. As Francophone Affairs Commissioner, it is my duty to ensure that bilingualism remains a strong and vibrant force in our association and in the Laurentian community as a whole. I sit on a number of University committees and subcommittees which deal with issues related to bilingualism, and I'm also involved in the planning of such events as the French for the Future Satellite Conference, which will be held on Tuesday, April 20th.

I take my mandate very seriously. To that end, I invite any constituent who has any questions or concerns to email me at jj_lennard@laurentian.ca. I hope to hear from you soon, and I look forward to working with the SGA next year.

En Francais

D'abord, pour ceux et celles qui ne me connaissent pas, je m'appelle John Lennard, et je suis un étudiant en Commerce. Depuis Novembre, j'ai eu l'occasion de siéger sur le comité de l'AGE comme commissaire des affaires francophones. Je suis fier d'avoir été acclamé encore une fois pour l'année prochaine. Ma fonction majeure comme commissaire des affaires francophones est d'as-

surer l'épanouissement du caractère bilingue de notre association et de notre université. Je suis membre de plusieurs comités et sous-comités bilingues de l'université, et je m'implique aussi dans l'organisation des événements tels que la conférence Français pour l'avenir, qui aura lieu le 20 avril.

Maintenant, j'aimerais entendre de vous! Vous pouvez m'envoyer un courrier électronique à jj_lennard@laurentian.ca. J'attends avec plaisir vos questions, commentaires et suggestions.

Also acclaimed were:

Erica Robinson, Cultural Affairs Commissioner
Amanda Harrison, Off Campus Representative

Meet the four candidates for SGA/AGE Senators

Luke Norton

Hey everybody, my name is Luke and I'm running for one of the Senator positions. It's my first year at Laurentian (I'm in the History program), and I'm looking forward to spending the next three years here. Some of you may know me from when I ran for the Green Party in the last provincial election. I have also been an acting Senator on the SGA since January. Currently I represent the SGA at the Board of Governor and Teaching and Learning meetings. I have enjoyed the privilege of representing you as acting Senator this year, and hope I can continue to do so next year.

My goal as Senator is to continue to represent the students at Senate, and to ensure that your voice is heard during the decision-making process. I will also make sure that the SGA Board is fully informed about what is happening in the school, so they are able to continue serving our needs as students in the best ways possible. I believe I have performed my job well during my brief time as a Senator, and now that I am comfortable with the system, I am confident that I can do an even better job next year.

It is important we all get out and vote in the upcoming elec-

tion. The students that are elected onto the SGA represent you and work for your rights as a student. Your vote is your say in who is going to be speaking on your behalf. I hope to show myself worthy of your vote during the upcoming campaign, so that I will have the honour of being your Senator next year.

Kayla Secord

Hello fellow SGA members! My name is Kayla Secord and I am one of the candidates for the Senate position on the SGA/AGE board. Here's a brief summary of who I am: I am currently in my 3rd year of Environmental Earth Science. I'm finishing up my 2nd year as Co-President of the Earth Science Club (ESC) which, among other projects is, actively striving towards a styro-foam free food service here on campus. As Co-President of the ESC I have organised a trip to the Prospectors and Developers Association of Canada (PDAC) convention in Toronto two years running. This provides an excellent opportunity for students in the Earth Sciences to get summer or permanent jobs as well as make connections in the industry. I have sat on the SGA/AGE board for the past two years as a representative for the ESC as well as

the Earth Science Department. I have loved being a part of the process and representing my constituents from my department. Now I would like to further my involvement by not just representing those who are members of my department and club but to also represent all of you out there who are members of the SGA/AGE on Senate and SGA/AGE boards. I know that I will do my best to make our voices heard in Senate meetings, and will represent the SGA/AGE to the best of my abilities. So on Wed. March 24th, and Thurs. March 25th VOTE KAYLA SECORD FOR SENATOR!

Caitlin Young

Hello! My name is Caitlin Young, and I would love for you to vote me in for the Senator position in the 2004-2005 school year! Well before I start going into my spiel about why you should vote for me I'll give you a little background information about myself. I'm currently in 2nd year, taking History and Geography, blond hair, blue eyes, wicked laugh...and this is beginning to sound like a personal ad...anyway! As most of you probably don't know, I currently am a Senator for the SGA/AGE and have found the past year to be a very rewarding experience. Getting involved with the school at

this level as granted me insight to how Laurentian University is actually run, and gives me a great appreciation for how much this school rocks! I hope to be able to continue on with this position, and give the students a voice at Laurentian. Remember, if voting for me is wrong, you don't want to be right.

Jordan Glass

Fellow students, I'm here to assist and hope to eventually be at the forefront of the students movement here at Laurentian University. That movement begins with the SGA. Everyday we see evidence of a need to expand the movement. The most notable being the skyrocketing tuition fees we are forced to pay every additional semester. The new Liberal Government of Ontario has promised to freeze fees, but at the moment that is not enough. This movement will begin with you, the students, and I believe I could represent you. First, however, we have to make the SGA more visible. Every year we pay our \$196.00 in SGA/AEF fees, and this September I intend to make sure that money gets we used. But I need your help to make that possible. So on March 24/25 remember to vote for Jordan Glass - for students that care.

Referendum question targets increases in Athletic fees

Where do you stand?

Referendum Question

Laurentian University Athletics is requesting an increase in Athletic fees of 4.17% effective in the Spring of 2004, representing the cost of living increase (2.17%) plus 2% as per the University's fees protocol for compulsory ancillary fees. New compulsory ancillary athletic fees would increase by \$3.58 for full-time students or by \$0.61 per six-credit course and \$0.30 per three-credit course. The increase is needed to compensate for the province minimum wage increase which will impact between 25 to 30 students employed at varsity events. Further, travel, accommodation, and food costs have increased and our athletic program needs to keep pace with these rising costs.

Do you agree with this Athletic fee increase?

Reason

Laurentian University Athletic Department employs between 20 and 30 students each year. These students are from all academic backgrounds and are all struggling with the increased cost of education, living and miscellaneous expenses including books. The Athletic department also employs one intern per year, whose valuable experience learned at Athletics leads to future career choices. All staff is paid minimum wage, excluding the intern, who's paid on an honorarium formula. With a provincial mandate increasing the minimum wage paid to student-employees and minimum wage workers, which Laurentian Athletics fully supports; the Athletic Department is seeking to raise the athletic component of student fees as to ease the burden the increased minimum wage adds to the department's budget. Laurentian Athletics also supports over 150 athletes who travel throughout the province and country representing Laurentian University. We ask that on election day, you check yes to the Athletic Department's referendum question to help support Laurentian Athletics continued tradition of excellent varsity athletics and events. Without student support, the Athletic department may not be able to continue employing students, thus helping students offset the increased costs of education.